

RETAIL ANALYTICS AND FIRM PROFITABILITY: HOW ANALYTICS CAN HELP RETAIL COMPANIES BE SUCCESSFUL

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Abstract

Objective: Literature suggests large data is a competitive advantage, and that features a firm 's general performance. With all the rise of big data (BD), e- commerce companies are making use of the resources to interact with much more with clients, provide much better items, moreover innovate far more to obtain a competitive edge. Nevertheless, past empirical studies show conflicting results.

Design: Building on the capital based viewpoint as well as the firm 's inertia idea, we made a model to enjoy how BD as well as BD analytics capability influence innovation leads to e commerce companies. We completed a two year empirical investigation project to secure empirical data on 1703 data driven innovation duties from Asia and USA.

Findings: We demonstrated that there's a tradeoff among BD as well as BD analytics capability, in that the maximum harmony of BD depends upon the quantity of BD analytics skill. BD analytics ability exerts a very good moderating impact, that's, the greater this capability is, the taller the outcome of BD on gross sales and margin growth. For U.S. development tasks, BD comes with an inverted U shaped connection with sales innovation. For Asian development responsibilities, when main details capital is very little, advertising big data analytics capability betters disgusting margin and sales innovation as much as a certain issue.

Policy Implications: Establishing BD analytics capability with that time might stop development effectiveness. Our results provide instruction to e- commerce firms on creating strategic options regarding supply allocations for BD as well as BD analytics skill.

Originality: A small investigation is performed to show the effect of utilizing BD analytics tools to push innovation. This's among the very first articles which dive into utilizing BD to foster development in the e-commerce industry.

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Introduction

Lately, the buildup as well as implementation of big data (BD) have attracted a plenty of interest. Both academics and executives have stressed the advantages of BD. Many e-commerce firms have expended a great deal in BD, with the goal of deriving very important insights attain long lasting naturally competitive edges (Bresciani, & Ferraris, Meli, Ciampi, 2021). The newest literature has suggested the innovation process should develop long-lasting capabilities, for example BD analytics skill. BD (BD) is able to help e-commerce companies process the vast amounts of information readily available to establish industry trend, predict customer needs, and evaluate customer buy options. Surely, the process of BD in the development procedure is starting to be more and more noticeable in training and realized in the literature (He, 2021). Previous medical studies propose that BD innovations encourage revolutionary durable abilities. No matter the talk that involves BD, little concentration is provided on the devices as well as processes through what huge BD add value to e-commerce firms.

Long-lasting functionality as well as development have become an excellent subject in the literature. Although literature suggests that large BD is a durable naturally competitive advantage which enhances firm 's development, empirical examination is insufficient, and the limited scientific studies have revealed disagreeing results on the benefits of BD for firm 's innovation and durable innovation (Issa, & Dakshanamurthy, Byers, 2014). The issues of if as well as under what circumstances investments in BD is able to boost sound function remain unsettled. There's almost no empirical proof to direct executives on how you can utilize BD to obtain sustainability of firm 's innovation and performance. We try and carry the literature gap by examining how BD increases sustainability of firm 's originality, and also just how information analytics capability may moderate this particular relationship. Consequently, 2 investigate questions are designed.

- RQ1: Does huge details come with an inverted U shaped connection with sustainability of firm 's innovation?
- RQ2: Does BD fortify and weaken the effects of information that is big on sustainability of firm 's innovation?

To react to these, we construct on 2 of the most essential theories of firm 's innovation: the resource based process and also the firm 's inertia principle. We propose that BD may have an inverted U shaped connection with sustainability of firm 's innovation. That's, a fair degree of BD power is perfect, although numerous BD substances reduce sustainability of firm 's innovation (Hao, & Song, Zhang, 2019). BD may help supervisors better leverage major details energy and overcome the inertia of resources and routines. For an outcome, BD has got the potential to strengthen the end result of information that is big on sustainability of firm 's innovation. We try out these hypotheses with info by 800 U.S. and 903 Asian e-commerce businesses that're utilizing big data for innovation tasks.

Literature Review

Organizational learning process is seated to the resource based viewpoint, that states some other firms effortlessly replicate a firm 's learning ability. This particular principle grew out of an issue in how companies acquire, analyze, and also make use of information to fix solid performance (Lee, & Yang, Kao, 2014). Organizational learning idea suggests that exploration for brand new information is going to be the basis of firms' innovation capabilities, as pairing information that is new might repair the prototypical strategic difficulty of finding the most effective gratifying use for a firm 's sources of energy by decreasing causal ambiguity (Breidbach and Antons, 2018). Thus, the organizational learning process concentrates on firms' should establish a capability to discover out by combining, processing completely new details and also attaining brand new insights (Wright, & Aravopoulou, Stone, Robin, 2019). This particular process was used in numerous contexts, which includes info integration, marketing help, together with firm customer as well as originality metrics (Aversa, & Doherty, Hernandez, 2021). Development can also be really associated with organizational learning, since growth includes the destruction of the integration and old knowledge of info that's brand new to produce contemporary fixes.

Growth is crucial for sustainable competitive advantage. Development is generally undertaken in reaction to unexpected, strange, or maybe non routine issues. So, development entails organizational learning and intelligence, as it requires changing a firm 's existing cognitive resources and paradigms (Zhuang, & Jiang, Nakamoto, Wang, 2021). In executing innovations, firms must originally gather info from various sources, and then evaluate as well as understand the info. This's the process of organizational learning (Lee H. L., 2018). To learn is enhanced by getting greater cognizance of the impact as well as action outcome associations of incidents on these interactions, as businesses typically try to create rational choices in the face of causal ambiguity (Guo and Zhang, 2021). Making rational choices requires a tremendous investigation of various typical options, the outcomes, and the consequences. The perspective argues that companies should continuously try to realize what's going on around them to enhance the quality of the decisions of theirs (Hao, & Song, Zhang, 2019). For example, firms could encounter a lot of alternate choice opportunities with unknown outcomes (Lekhwar, & Singh, Yadav, 2019). In order to improve the learning of theirs about the outcomes of several investment alternatives, firms must incorporate info from internal and external sources (Yang, & Hu, Liu, Li, Huang, 2017). Gathering a great deal of information soon enough which is genuine will help firms find out quickly and precisely what customers would like that staying companies don't provide, which will aid them help the choices prior to competitors corner the market, the information of theirs is tired, or maybe consumers' interests shift.

Consequently, efficiency is enhanced within a certain context or niche. Consequently, this particular analysis utilizes organizational learning literature to take a look at the mediating role of solid advancement effectiveness (i.e., development efficacy as well as originality effectiveness) on the impact of big data on small efficiency (Wang, & Zhao, Shen, Yu, Wu, 2021). A handful of performance measures might explain the absence of results in last work. As opposed to several earlier reports, this particular evaluation believes of several types of performance groups (i.e., financial returns, operational excellence, and also customer perspectives) to compute the normal performance of the tight. Although previous labor demonstrates you are able to find many major data techniques

(Morabito, 2015). Much studies have considered this varying an alternate idea (Niebel, & Vieta, Rasel, 2019). Nevertheless, in the present analysis, we conceptually and operationally distinguish among the primary key characteristics of big data rather than dealing with it as a substitute concept.

Methodology

Model

Firm inertia refers to the way the patterns as well as processes which companies have motivated to capitalize on the usefulness of the business operations of theirs are able to acquire effective inner resistance against extraordinary changes. Gobble (Gobble, 2013) has recommended you discover two types of firm 's inertia: common as well as resource. The former identifies inertia based capital allocation patterns, and the second pertains to inertia in the firm 's chores which make use of the supplies. BD describes high volume, high velocity, along with high type information that can't easily be processed using traditional techniques. Service development projects' investments in BD are the supplies issued to information and also the firm 's chores involving these attributes, each one vulnerable to inertial pressures. The capital based perspective suggests that supplies are important for e-commerce companies to get a long-lasting naturally competitive advantage. Calic and Ghasemaghahi (Calic and Ghasemaghahi, 2020) produced the capital-management layout, suggesting that supply management contributes a lot more to better performance than just owning info. Adhering to this reason, we argued that acquiring BD resources isn't sufficient. Innovations must also have the power to process, regulate, and also deploy their BD textiles - that's, they need BD. As these, this effective business intelligence capability is able to improve the outcome of BD resources on the sustainability of development and also the firm 's innovation. We applied purposive sampling to choose businesses with over hundred dollars million in annual income, to make sure that the selected businesses were definitely in the market for some time and also had sufficient assets to apply great details equipment.

We drew from the capital based view as well as firm 's inertia process to make a theoretical style illustrating exactly how BD substances influence the sustainability of a firm 's innovation. The framework actually recommended the effect of big details on the sustainability of a firm 's development is dependent on the quantity of BD.

Investigation Hypothesis one: BD & Innovation Performance

The capital based perspective details just how e commerce firms acquire a long-lasting naturally competitive advantage by strategies and hypothesizes that big data are able to provide e commerce companies with durable naturally competitive by nature advantage. Surely, an appearing stream of studies has highlighted that BD favorably affects the sustainability of a firm 's innovation. For example, Bresciani et al., & Ferraris, Meli, Ciampi, (Bresciani, 2021) proposed which BD enables cures which have a major effect on the business. Nevertheless, we hypothesized that the favorable effect of information that is big on the sustainability of a firm 's innovation might decrease as the quantity of BD gets to an

important thing for 2 good reasons. First of all, due to source & typical inertia, when new jobs increase the investment of theirs in BD, they may also rely on the fundamental info to get information and knowledge. Additionally, they don't change the manner they assign online resources, ignore other capital allocation patterns, and also inhibit the ability of theirs to adjust to changing ecological factors. More to the stage, tasks are generally capital constrained, that will weaken the benefits from BD and lower service overall performance. So, we proposed the following hypothesis:

Hypothesis one: Big details comes with an inverted U shaped connection with the sustainability of a firm 's innovation.

Investigation Hypothesis two: The Moderating Effect of BD Analytics Capability

BD details a firm 's knowledge in managing as well as leveraging the BD of its to enhance performance. We hypothesized BD improves the favorable effect of information that is big on the sustainability of a firm 's innovation. As BD betters, the outcome of BD resources on the sustainability of the firm 's innovation improves as well as innovation. The capital-management design claims that materials alone don't ensure a long lasting naturally competitive edge. Then, BD enables feature teams to incorporate as well as reconfigure the information resources of theirs as well as business processes to adjust to quickly changing environments. In so holding out, BD is able to assist development teams conquer the capital-and of theirs routine inertia. Collectively, these arguments say that BD is able to conduct a facilitating process in the relationship between BD electricity as well as originality effectiveness. So, we proposed the following hypothesis:

Hypothesis two: Big details reinforce the effects of information that is big on the sustainability of a firm 's innovation.

Materials and methods to test the model of ours, we collected data contained in a multi year panel study. By the site, we selected system innovation projects out of each participating organization in five industries in two nations. The info reported in this particular study showed only the things with sales growth rate as well as task yucky margin for the very first three years after the commercialization.

General Research Design

There was three parts to the research design of ours. In order to guarantee the suitability of investigation scales as well as strategies for a cross national comparative evaluation of a theoretical model, we followed the techniques recommended by and extended by Hadwan and Alrumiah (Hadwan and Alrumiah, 2021). Then, to assess the causal associations between variables, we collected info on BD energy as well as BD analytics capabilities. Finally, we tracked the things over time and collected merchandise sales and gross profits info for the very first three years after the commercialization.

Measurement Innovation Procedures

We made the measurement scale with the procedures found by Song and Parry. We conducted in level case scientific studies and also focus group interviews with system development teams in Asia and also

the United States, follow up interviews with employees, along with consultations with academic pros from two national business administration facilities. We used the results to improve measurement scales in the literature on huge BD and information analytics capabilities.

In the focus group job interview, we incorporated open-ended and semi-structured problems. Employees were asked to define the main key constructs of BD as well as BD analytics capabilities. We examined the conceptual equivalence of the constructs with the very first set of considerations. We assessed the purposeful equivalence of the constructs with the following range of considerations. Staff members evaluated just how superior the theoretical model of the data of ours was in their single service innovation understanding. We assessed the team equivalence of the constructs, combined with the last entails which tackled the perceptions of the value as well as completeness of the device applications from last case research and literature. The results of these case studies & interview claim that lots of scales applied to the academic analysis has to be tailored for cross national family member exploration of the system development process.

The study variables of ours include BD, task efficiency, and BD analytics innovations. Apart from project effectiveness, measured by using unbiased details, the other variables are evaluated using scales we utilized from the literature and even created depending on the measurement innovation as described. Prior analysis indicates a 0 10 rating scale reflects the metric system of structure, and also it's better to learn in offshore surveys than 1 7 or perhaps 1 5 score scales. The measurement scale for BD energy innovations five things which assess just how adequate the task staff has got the BD components on customer needs, user behavior, naturally cut-throat intelligence, engineering advancement intelligence, and products use. The scale for the usual yucky margin was utilized. These variables are approximated utilizing the following formulas:

Results

Cronbach's alpha was utilized to assess construct reliability for huge data and BD.. The alpha coefficients of large data and BD, respectively, are 0.891 as well as 0.803 for the U.S. test and 0.814 as well as 0.767 for the Asian test. Therefore, the study steps for these 2 theoretical constructs are dependable.

We provided the construct median, mean as well as standard deviations in Table one. Exploratory factor analysis was performed to look at the construct validity. These outcomes proposed the research methods must be correctly loaded onto the corresponding component. Most retained techniques lack double loadings of over 0.40. Thus, the constructs had convergent validity.

The theoretical item of Figure one contains the following 2 equations: Typical product sales together with the initial two yrs = $\alpha + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x \text{ two} + \beta_3 x + \beta_4 x x + \beta_5 x \text{ two} x + \epsilon$. Regular margin together with the initial two yrs = $\alpha + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x \text{ two} + \beta_3 x + \beta_4 x x + \beta_5 x \text{ two} x + \epsilon$.

In order to assess the hypotheses, the above described two formulas are approximated for each nation separately utilizing Proc Reg found SAS 9.4 program. We conducted 2 regular minimum square regression analyses for each country utilizing job common performance measures: the project 's two year common sales growth rate and gross margin info. We estimated exactly the same equations using details for every year and learned that the key conclusions did not change. So, we reported the results of the typical sales development and also the typical gross margin.

The analysis demonstrates the values of β_1 are 4.58, β_2 is 2.20, β_3 is 4.08, β_4 is 1.96, and also β_5 is 1.32. All of the values are statistically significant aside from the β_5 , showing they verify the hypothesis.

Investigation Hypothesis one: Direct Effects of BD as well as Innovation Performance Hypothesis 1 predicts an inverted U shaped relationship between BD and also the sustainability of a firm 's innovation. The end result varies depending on the performance measure being considered; for the typical cash flow development, Table 2 shows that for the U.S. check, information that is big had a serious helpful link, while Table two received a major damaging relationship. These results suggest that information that is big had an inverted U shaped relationship with the sustainability of firm 's development, as evaluated by the typical cash flow development in the U.S. test, around assistance of Hypothesis one.

For any Asian test, the relationship with big data was once again considerably great, whereas two received a terrible, nonetheless, not fantastic connection. In comparison to the U.S. check, information that is big had a great effect on the typical product sales development but didn't has an inverted U shaped relationship with the common sales innovation. So, the Asian test didn't back H1.

For any two year normal yucky margin, Table 2 shows that for the U.S. check, information that is big had an advantageous link, while Table two received a terrible, nonetheless, not fantastic connection. For any Asian test, information that is big had a major helpful connection, so the connection with two had been great however, not considerable. So, countertop to H1, these results propose that BD had a good linear relationship with the sustainability of firm 's originality as evaluated by the usual yucky margin.

Investigation Hypothesis 2: The Moderating Effects of BD In order to assess Hypothesis 2, we'd to look at the coefficient estimates of x BD and also two x BD. Results in Tables 2 as well as 4 propose that every x BD plus two x BD had a major helpful relationship with the typical cash flow development and also the usual yucky margin. For any Asian test, x BD had an excellent, though not significant, connection with the typical cash flow development and also the usual yucky margin, while two x BD had a serious bad connection with the usual cash flow innovation and the typical yucky margin. These outcomes thus propose that information that is big received an U shaped relationship with the sustainability of firm 's innovation. Nevertheless, for the Asian test, there appeared to be an inverted U shaped relationship.

Conversation as well as implications Building on the capital based view as well as firm 's inertia idea, we presented an unit which specified exactly how feature teams might leverage BD which could be leveraged by feature teams to attain performance that is exceptional. Using samples from the nation and Asia, we empirically experimented with the item and also found 2 intriguing outcomes which are shocking.

First of all, our results provided a much more nuanced comprehension of the impact of information that is big on the sustainability of firm 's innovation. Previous research has highlighted the job of BD in following durable naturally competitive advantage. In line with this reasoning, we learned that BD enhanced gross sales and margin growth. A lot more amazingly, for U.S. service innovation jobs, we learned that information that is big had an inverted U- shaped link with goods sales innovation: a fair level of BD was involving the best degree of merchandise sales development, while a large amount of BD basically inhibited earnings innovation. A explanation for this might be that capital and typical inertia might lead feature teams to rely far too much on BD getting information and knowledge. Thus, they overlook various capital-allocation patterns required to boost sales innovation as well as enhance positive innovation results. These results assist with the extant literature by demonstrating as well as detailing the limited advantage of enhancing investment in information that is big.

Then, we extended the present literature by presenting as well as confirming empirically which BD strengthened the great impact of BD on the sustainability of a firm 's innovation. As present in Figure two for the U.S. test, enhanced many information buy was a much more essential precursor to innovation projects yucky sales and margin development in case we'd a motive to the higher quantity of BD. Thus, feature teams will get a lot more from the investment of theirs in BD in case they commit to producing their BD. As unraveled in Figure two the end result simply for the Asian test had been a lot more complicated: BD strengthened the effects of BD on disgusting margin and sales innovation just before a place, but beyond this particular point, BD exerted a terrible moderating impact.

The study has a few implications, from showing why BD equipment are essential for e commerce to just how BD is able to enhance the development area of a company. With comprehensive analysis, it reveals, that big data are able to cause a lot more development, leading to sales that are further and improved profits.

Conclusion

The findings of ours showed many exciting insights for innovation leaders concerning big data analytics. It's suggested that leaders of the U.S. and both Asia is able to better innovation effectiveness by ensuring the teams have sufficient major details components on customer needs, operator behaviour, competitive advantage, services, products, advertising, and engineering development intelligence (Hao, & Song, Zhang, 2019). Although these huge information materials are able to boost gross margin and executives, sales growth in U.S. service feature teams must be conscious of the boundaries of the BD resources of theirs and understand that a lot of buy ins BD might damage sales development of the system innovation tasks.

The development teams likewise have to develop the BD to harness the potential for BD methods (Aversa, & Doherty, Hernandez, 2021). For U.S. service development teams, devoting to BD is much better compared to more buy in BD. The much better the BD is, the greater results BD is able to have in improving yucky sales and margin development. To us, the variables in the information of ours, U.S. feature teams have to perform the following to achieve a great deal of BD:

1. Use far more complicated assets to get values from big information.
2. Develop the capability to discover relationships and dependencies from big data.
3. Develop the capability to perform predictions of outcomes and behaviors from big data.
4. Develop the capability to enjoy new correlations from grave information to recognize market demand trends and also predict operator behavior; and employ as well as grow BD analytics personnel who've the appropriate capabilities to perform the tasks of theirs properly.

Managers of Asian service feature jobs should be mindful that creating BD might have downsides. When investment in information that is big is minimal, marketing BD is able to increase gross sales and margin growth. Nevertheless, after a place, allocating extra information to BD might prevent the sustainability of firm 's innovation. Oriental administrators may also make use of the suggested techniques to boost BD analytics skill. The findings of ours, consequently, showed insights to Asian development teams and also the U.S. on the skillful ways in which chief info might result in performance that is exceptional and also assist them enhance the BD usage of theirs.

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